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SUMMARY

From the amount of attention given to the subject at the Ukrainian Communist Party Congress, it is evident that the Party leadership has not yet succeeded in eliminating all traces of "bourgeois ideology" in the Republic. Ukrainian Congress delegates, only 30 percent of whom were Russians, pledged an unrelenting fight against "manifestations of Ukrainian bourgeois nationalism...and pariah cosmopolitanism."

Strictures against Ministries responsible for and enterprises producing consumer goods indicate that much progress must be made before the promises of the next Five Year Plan become reality.

As in other Party Congresses, much concern was expressed over failures to produce competent leadership of Party, Soviet and economic organizations. Nepotism is rife, and too many leading positions are filled on the basis of personal friendship rather than professional competence. Consequently, there has been an invasion of "thieves, squanderers, bribe-takers and speculators," especially in consumer industry.

Figures released at the Congress demonstrate the firm grip that the bureaucracy has over the direction of the Ukrainian Communist Party. Only 168 of the 571 voting delegates could be described charitably as industrial or farm workers--another 45 were from the intelligentsia, that is, scientists, teachers etc. The Army, the Ministry of State Security and the Ministry of the Interior had 106 representatives--a figure that may illustrate the size of the MVD, MGB and other repressive forces in the Ukraine. All of the other delegates were party, Soviet, administrative and trade union officials.

Soviet Army difficulties in finding recruits capable of operating complex modern military equipment were admitted in a speech by Hrechko, commander of the Kiev Military Okrug. He pointed out that the war had interfered with the education of the young who "find it difficult to assimilate the complex military technology." Hrechko demanded that education authorities take steps to remedy these educational deficiencies.

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